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Draft report of the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Submitted by the President of the Conference

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 65/64, the General Assembly decided to convene a conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, adopted at the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, for a period of two weeks, in New York in 2012.

2. In its resolution 66/47, the General Assembly decided that the second Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects would be held in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012 and that the Preparatory Committee for the Conference would be convened in New York from 19 to 23 March 2012. In addition, the Assembly invited States, at the Conference, to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action, and, subject to the agenda of the Conference to be agreed by the Preparatory Committee, encouraged them to explore ways to strengthen its implementation, including consideration of the possibility of convening a further open-ended meeting of governmental experts.

3. The Preparatory Committee held its session at United Nations Headquarters from 19 to 23 March 2012. Its report is contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/RC/1.

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4. By its decision I, the Preparatory Committee recommended the candidacy of U. Joy Ogwu of Nigeria for the presidency of the Conference and requested that she undertake informal consultations, including open-ended informal consultations, if required, in the period before the Conference. Subsequently, the President-designate convened a number of informal meetings from March to August 2012 and appointed the following persons to serve as facilitators: Claire Elias (Australia), Amr Aljowaily (Egypt), Bibi Sheliza Ally (Guyana) and Tomoaki Ishigaki (Japan).

II. Organizational matters and proceedings of the Conference

A. Opening and duration of the Conference

5. The United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012. The Conference was opened on 27 August by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. At the same meeting, U. Joy Ogwu was elected President of the Conference. The Acting President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General addressed the Conference. Daniel Prins of the Office for Disarmament Affairs served as Secretary-General of the Conference. The Conference held plenary meetings and informal meetings. The list of participants is contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/RC/INF/2.

B. Rules of procedure

6. At its 1st meeting, on 27 August, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.2).

C. Agenda

7. At its 1st meeting, on 27 August, the Conference adopted the agenda (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.1) as follows:

1. Opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. Election of the President.
3. Statement by the President.
4. Address by the President of the General Assembly.
5. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
6. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
7. Adoption of the agenda.
8. Organization of work.
9. Election of officers other than the President.

10. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
    (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
    (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
11. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Conference.
12. General exchange of views.
13. Statements by intergovernmental organizations.
14. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
15. Adoption of the final documents of the Conference.
16. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly.

D. Officers

8. The composition of the Bureau of the Conference was as follows:

President:
U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria)

Vice-Presidents:
Brazil
Czech Republic
Germany
Guyana
Hungary
Indonesia
Japan
Kenya
Madagascar
New Zealand
Norway
Peru
Romania

E. Documentation

9. The documents of the Conference are listed in the annex to the present report.

III. Credentials

10. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.2), according to which the composition of the Credentials Committee shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, the Conference appointed China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Italy, Maldives, Panama, the Russian Federation, Senegal and the United States of America as members of the Credentials Committee of the Conference.

11. At its __th meeting, on ___ September, the Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee, which had examined the credentials of the representatives of the member States to the Conference and found them to be in order (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/__, para. __).

IV. General exchange of views

12. At its 1st to 5th meetings, from 27 to 29 August, the Conference held its high-level segment and general exchange of views.

13. At its 1st meeting, on 27 August, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the European Union, Brazil (on behalf of the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR)), Indonesia (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), Kenya, Algeria, Australia, Italy, Indonesia, the Holy See and Turkey.

14. At its 2nd meeting, on 27 August, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Lithuania, Benin, Japan, Viet Nam, Portugal, Spain, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Thailand, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Ireland, Ukraine, Malaysia, India, Germany, Luxembourg, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and France.

15. At its 3rd meeting, on 28 August, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Gabon, China, Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States), Barbados, Botswana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Switzerland, Bangladesh, Namibia, the Gambia, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Israel, Norway, Niger, Mexico, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Mali and Cuba.

16. At its 4th meeting, on 28 August, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Argentina, Guatemala, Zambia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Jamaica.

17. At its 5th meeting, on 29 August, the Conference concluded its high-level segment and general exchange of views and heard a statement by the representative of Ghana.

Statements by intergovernmental organizations

18. At its 4th meeting, on 28 August, the Conference heard statements from the following organizations: Interpol, League of Arab States, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, United Nations Coordinating Action on Small Arms, East African Community, Organization of American States, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Regional Centre on Small Arms.

Statements by non-governmental organizations

19. At its 4th meeting, on 28 August, the Conference heard statements by representatives of the International Action Network on Small Arms from the Philippines and from Mexico.

20. At its 5th meeting, on 29 August, the Conference heard statements by representatives of the International Action Network on Small Arms from Gabon, the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities, the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, the National Firearms Association, the Second Amendment Foundation and the Defense Small Arms Advisory Council.

V. Consideration and adoption of the final documents of the Conference and the report of the Conference to the General Assembly

21. The Conference held a number of informal meetings from 29 August to ___ September 2012, at which it considered and negotiated the draft final document.

22. At its __th meeting, on ___ September, the Conference adopted the 2012 Declaration and Programme of Action by consensus. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted its report to the General Assembly by consensus.

Annex

Documentation

The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/1);

(b) Provisional agenda (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.1);

(c) Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.2);

(d) Draft outcome documents of the Conference (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.4 and Rev.1);

(e) List of non-governmental organizations (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/INF/1);

(f) List of participants (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/INF/2);

(g) Working paper submitted by Australia, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Kenya and South Sudan on international cooperation and assistance (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/WP.1);

(h) Working paper submitted by MERCOSUR and associated States (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/WP.2);

(i) Draft indicative programme of work (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/CRP.1);

(j) Draft outcome documents (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/CRP.2).